

# Forest Hills News

JULY - AUGUST 2020



## Message from the Mayor – Our Neighbor Eric Johnson

Dear Neighbors –

I left the Texas Legislature a year ago and took office with some big plans for my hometown. I wanted to help us retool our workforce and provide educational opportunities that will help us lift up southern Dallas. I worked to make our city safer and more equitable. And I wanted to enhance our city's international stature and attract and grow businesses. I've had to pause or scale back some of those plans to deal with major crises that have hit our city and our country. But we have still taken significant steps to help our city now and in the years to come.

In my first few months, we announced economic development deals to bring Uber to Deep Ellum and a Kroger grocery fulfillment center to southern Dallas. I created Dallas Works, a new summer jobs program that we believe will eventually put thousands of students to work over the summer. I appointed an ethics reform czar to help us overhaul our flawed ethics code. My Task Force on Safe Communities produced a data-based, community-driven report that will help our city look at public safety holistically and reduce crime in the years to come. And at my request, the Dallas Police Department also produced a law enforcement plan meant to reduce crime in the City.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we acted swiftly to protect public health. Early on, I pushed for the creation of a private sector task force dedicated to economic recovery. We also acted quickly to pass programs and ordinances to protect renters, to help businesses and families struggling economically, and to give greater preference in awarding city contracts to local companies – a program I call "Dallas First." As the phased reopening began, I named a COVID-19 Health and Healthcare Access Czar to improve our testing and contact tracing strategies.

And we continued to plan for the future. We created the city's first Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan with the guidance of the first-ever standalone City Council committee dedicated to environment and sustainability issues, which I formed in October. And I helped fight off the possibility of a large property tax increase on our struggling families and business owners. I have been proud of the way our city has responded. Our community rallied around each other in our time of need.

This city will bounce back from all of this, but it will take all of us together.

Thank you for your continued support, and stay strong, Forest Hills. I am glad that through all of this, I can call this neighborhood home.

Best regards,  
Eric Johnson, Mayor of Dallas



Eric Johnson with sons  
William and George



# The President's Letter

## Greetings Neighbors!

I hope everyone is coping well with our unprecedented times. We are all still impacted by Covid-19 and watching closely the civil unrest in our city and nation, which at this printing is still growing. However, the FHNA continues to focus on our own neighborhood needs, and to promote the well-being of Forest Hills as best we can.

The FHNA Board had a Zoom meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> and planned out our budget for the remainder of 2020, May – Dec., using the amount already in the bank, about \$27,521.33. We allotted funds as follows:

**Beautification** - \$3500 to repair irrigation and enhance the landscape around the Forest Hills entrance sign at Breezewood and Garland Road. Tim Simmonds is the lead. **Fall General Meeting** - \$1540. **Neighborhood Events** - \$3500. Carrie Bevers and Sara Winwood are the leads. **Newcomers** - \$500. **Membership Drive** - \$500. Melissa Dermarkar is the lead on both. **Animal Alert!** - \$1000. Andie Comini is the lead. **Forest Hill News** - \$6428. (Paid for by advertising income in the Newsletter). Jane Ojeda and Andie Comini are the leads. **Ongoing expenses** (Storage, Median Maintenance, Utilities, Miscellaneous) - \$4,519. Bruce Borrett is the lead. About \$6,000 is to be kept in reserve through December.

One more positive point, we now have leaders for all the Committee Chairs and Liaisons listed below! Anyone interested in helping, please contact them or me.

**THANK YOU** to all who care about our beautiful Forest Hills and work to keep it wonderful!



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# Forest Hills July 4<sup>th</sup> Car Parade!

More now than ever we as a community need to unite and celebrate together our July 4th holiday. Sadly, we can't hold our traditional Parade and Picnic, but we can still honor the spirit of the holiday together while keeping all safe with social distancing.

**Date:** Saturday, July 4th

**Time:** Line-up at 8:50 am - Parade starts at 9:00 am

**Location:** We will line-up near San Leandro and Lakeland - facing Lakeland - behind the Cow Car and Cow Trucks.

**Route:** We will cover each street in FH and Barbaree as possible and end up back at San Leandro. Estimated time of Parade is about an hour - depending on the number of cars, etc.

**FYI:** To support social - distancing ONLY riding in cars/trucks or golf carts allowed.

*NO bicycles, tricycles, wagons, walking etc. allowed this year.*

Parade Participants: Decorate your cars and dress up in July 4th spirit! Have fun! OR... just join the Parade as you are. All are welcome in vehicles.

**Parade Spectators: Come out and cheer us on!**

We will cover the southern FH streets first as we work our way up to San Fernando then over to Highland Road, down to Barbaree, and then back up St. Francis to San Leandro where we started. Sorry Garland Road residents, just too much fast traffic there to make it work safely. Listen for honking and know we are heading your way! 2020: Due to the Covid 19 constraints, there will be no FH picnic after the parade this year. 😞

A Texas size THANK YOU to the Keller family for treating us to a catered meal on their huge lot for so many years! Know you are appreciated. Questions: Andie Comini [andiecomini@aol.com](mailto:andiecomini@aol.com).

**To All: The virus is still lurking – please continue to stay safe with 6 feet apart and a mask.**



## FOREST HILLS IS BREWING 2020

Save the Date: Friday October 16, 2020

It is time to start working on another Fun Fundraiser! We will have a few options available depending on the Covid 19 guidelines. It was so much fun last year, and we need ALL your support again for this year's event which will benefit the Forest Hills Security Program.

Want to be a Sponsor? Please contact Carol at:

[caroltlander@gmail.com](mailto:caroltlander@gmail.com)

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# Your Second Chance to Have "The Luck of the Irish!"



Anyone who pays their 2020 Neighborhood Association Dues between April 1, 2020 and July 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered in a new draw to win a \$75 gift certificate to a local restaurant!

Dues are only \$50 (\$30 for those over 65) and can be paid by visiting [www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org) or by mailing your check to:

**FHNA, PO Box 180897, Dallas TX 75218**

**Please remember that your Association dues are separate from our wonderful Security Program!**

In all of 2019 – *only 20%* of homes in the neighborhood contributed

By March 31, 2020 – *over 30%* of homes had contributed (a huge THANK YOU to all who did!!!)

**Can YOU help bring our 2020 contributions to more than 50% of homes?!?!?**

We need 110 additional families to send in their dues to reach our 2020 goal!

Last year, more than 50% of our annual income came from the annual Garden Tour ... but unfortunately, this year's Garden Tour was cancelled, and other fundraising is in doubt due to Covid-19. However, our FHNA Board met last month, and we are optimistic that we can offset that lost income with this Forest Hills Membership Drive. Please help us continue to give the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association a healthy budget to work with!!

Where do those dues go? Beatification and maintenance of common areas, neighborhood events such as the Tree Lighting, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and more, FHNA annual meetings, communications to the Neighborhood, community donations (Animal Alert!, Sanger School and more) Newcomers Committee (welcome gifts/folders/party) and ongoing expenses (like postage, storage, water and electricity, bank charges, etc.)

We are in unusual times, but if you ARE in a position to contribute, and have simply forgotten or not gotten around to it yet, (doesn't that happen to all of us?) please take advantage of this new drawing!

**BUT** – if this is not the right time for you to financially contribute – we understand that and definitely don't want to come across as insensitive to the pandemic and don't want to add stress to you!

*From one neighbor to another – thank you for your helping us keep Forest Hills amazing!*

## Attention Car Enthusiasts!

Since I have lived in Forest Hills, I occasionally notice an unusual or collector car driving by. Because I am a car enthusiast, it makes me wonder how many four-wheeled treasures are hiding in our neighborhood garages?

I have discovered two other car guys on my block alone. I think it would be fun to share the hobby with others in the neighborhood. We have a Book Club - why not a Car Club? We could have an occasional car show, a tour, share shop talk, or just kick tires. No need to own an unusual car or even own any! Just have an interest to join other like-minded neighbors and have fun. If interested in something informal, please contact

**Denny Hunt (214) 908-8975 or [dennyhunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dennyhunt@sbcglobal.net).**

## Be in The Know!

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

### May

**Ron Balentine and Julie Dunn**  
8247 San Fernando Way

The driveway bed has been breathtaking this spring, with its chartreuse Sedum and Purple Larkspur. As Ron, my gardening husband reminds me, it takes 3 years to establish perennials. "First they sleep; then they creep and finally they leap". Sure enough, it's been 3 years since we renovated that bed...

When we purchased it in 2014, we were excited about restoring the 1923 Dutch Colonial and its once award-winning garden. You could hardly see the house for the overgrown beds and encroaching forest, so Job #1 was to liberate its beautiful red stonework and its stained-glass windows from an ocean of Sea Otis and diseased Indian Hawthorns.

Next, we thinned out the overcrowded beds and planted the surplus Cast Iron plants, Japanese Aralias, Holly Ferns, Acanthus, Lenten Rose and Columbines around the yard. After repairing the old stone walkways, we began to add new accents like a favorite Smoke Tree, Japanese Maples, St. John's Wort, and Blue Black Salvia.

The current stay at home order has inspired our sidewalk bed renovation and new stone border. Here, perennials of varied heights and textures are taking hold. Our emerging landscape seems to eschew symmetry in favor of an eclectic balance.

Here's to the gardeners! May every garden have at least one!

*Editors' note: We insisted Julie could highlight her own yard because it really does merit it!*

### June

**Michael and Mary Simons**  
8359 Forest Hills Boulevard

The Simons yard was going to be on our garden tour this year. Strolling through it is like embarking on a plant safari. It is filled with plants the Simons have collected as they've traveled the Southwest.

Stately Bald Cypress trees line the sidewalk. Mock Oranges and Quince intermingle with Chinese Photinias to define the perimeter of the yard. Across the front of the house, an undulating perennial bed stretches all the way to the drive. The Coneflower and Brazilian Verbena gracing the front of the bed are easily visible from the street, but behind it an unexpected oasis exists. Here a stone path leads you past a huge Agave and other desert loving plants through a tumbling riot of Wine Cups, Pink Salvias, and Desert Verbenas. A journey to the Simons' front door feels like being on vacation.

This apparently carefree landscape actually requires a lot of work. "It seems like every seed that hits the ground grows," so beginning in late January, you'll find Mary in the garden almost every day, weeding, cleaning and culling through her plants. Her husband Michael helps on Fridays, the gardener comes once a week, but the bulk of labor is hers. "It's my hobby...really a full-time job through April 30<sup>th</sup>". As she tends the garden through the summer, she begins to formulate her plan for next year. Maintenance and planning seem always to be on a gardener's mind.

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# Forest Hills Security



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## Crime Happens... What would you do?

Recently, a neighbor saw on her Ring doorbell, an intruder in the driveway rummaging through the car. The motion lights came on and scared the man away.



## IMMEDIATELY Call 911!

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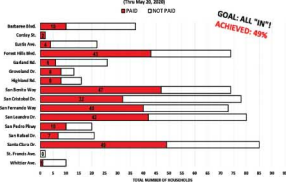
**This is why we NEED OUR OFFICERS on duty as many hours as we can afford.**



## Match Met!

The April Turn It Around and Get IN, or Back IN challenge was a success! 30 neighbors contributed to allow us to receive 100% of the \$5,000 offer in matched funds. A big **THANK YOU** to all who stepped up! But we are still not where we were in 2019!

### FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM - 2020 STREET PARTICIPATION



## So where are we now? How is your street doing?

Currently we have 49% of the neighborhood IN, compared to the end of 2019, when we had 62% participation. We are short 90 households from last year.

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## Reminders

**REMEMBER:** With so many spending their summer on the home front this year, we have seen an increase in neighbors out and about walking and bike riding. Remember when out at night to please wear light colors, clothes/shoes with reflective patches and/or some type of light. And if walking your best buddy, your pup(s), please make sure they can be seen too. Be Seen - Be Safe.

**REMEMBER:** When out walking your dog be respectful of our city streets and sidewalks along with your neighbors' yards by cleaning up after your dog and take the poop bag with you to toss in the trash once home.

**REMEMBER:** Fireworks can be scary for dogs and cats. To avoid any missing pets this 4th of July please keep your animals indoors in a safe, secure location.

**REMEMBER:** Be sure your pets are wearing a collar with up-to-date ID tags and is micro-chipped. It is a great and permanent way to ensure your pet gets back to you safely!

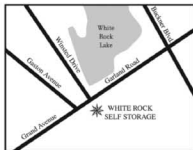
**REMEMBER:** Heat stress or heatstroke in animals is also a concern during the hot summer months. Unlike humans, animals do not sweat - they do lose some heat through their pads but not enough to keep them cool during the extremely hot temperatures. Panting is the main way they lose excess heat and moisture. Heat stress typically occurs when the pet's panting cannot cool the body to a reasonable temperature.

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## Food Drive – Kids Helping Others in Hard Times

In May, Denise Molina organized a canned food drive for Family Gateway, a shelter serving families with children. They had asked communities for help with food shortages due to COVID-19 and Denise and Forest Hills took the call to action. Flyers were printed, and kids that lived on each street in the neighborhood delivered the flyers door to door. Family Gateway picked up all the donations collected on May 5 and were blown away. They could not believe that all the donations came from one neighborhood alone. Thank you, Denise, and thank you neighbors for the participation and generosity!



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Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner. Let us know of any oversights.

Also if you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, please contact us with names/addresses, so we can extend a big welcome.  
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# Share a Greeting for Your Friends and Neighbors!

FHNA has 3 "Social Distancing" signs left to sell for a donation of only \$20 (or more). THANK YOU to those that have already purchased your sign and have them out front to greet all the walkers/joggers that are out and about.

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Spotlight On:

## The Barbera Family,

Our New Neighbors on Whittier! *By Nicole*

*Bosworth*

**Charlotte and Adrian Barbera** are happy to be back in the East Dallas area after living in several parts of the U.S and a stop in Ecuador! Charlotte was born and raised in Dallas and lived in neighboring Little Forest Hills. She also attended Bishop Lynch High School and has deep East Dallas roots. Adrian, born in Tulsa, spent most of his childhood in Chicago (why he is a diehard Cubs fan). They have one daughter, **Charli**, a kindergartner at Solar Prep for Girls. Rounding out the family is their pet bulldog named Chanco. The Barbera family chose to live in Forest Hills because they wanted to live near the lake, Charlotte's family, and they thought it was the perfect neighborhood for Charli with so many children and families close-by. The neighborhood also brings back wonderful childhood memories for Charlotte. The family was drawn to the Mid-Century and eclectic homes throughout, and the aesthetic and community values of the neighborhood. A producer, art director, and costume designer, Charlotte works in television and film, and owns her own company, GoldenStyle LLC. She is an avid cook and is always trying to find a reason to host a dinner party! Adrian is a Regional Vice President for Schneider Logistics, a third-party logistics business. He has a love/hate relationship with the Dallas Cowboys, and watches most sports in his spare time (much to Charlotte's chagrin). Charli enjoys Tae Kwon Do and gymnastics and hopes to be a chef, ballerina, or singer when she grows up. The Barbera family loves being outdoors in their spare time, teaching their bulldog how to skateboard, exploring Dallas, riding bikes, gardening, and running. They love to cook, play games, watch movies, paint, and enjoy local restaurants like Smoky Rose when they can. Charlotte and Adrian also pride themselves on being masters at Dance Revolution, although Charli might disagree.





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## July

Trash can go out **Thursday, July 9 - Sunday, July 12.**

Pickup begins the week of **Monday, July 13.**

## August

Trash can go out **Thursday, August 6 - Sunday, August 9.**

Pickup begins the week of **Monday, August 10.**

## A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MOTHER NATURE

Let's talk cardboard boxes. How do you dispose of yours? Mother Nature has been monitoring the last few months of bulk trash in Forest Hills, seeing pile after pile of cardboard boxes in embarrassing numbers.

Think about it.

Everything we consume requires energy for its manufacture, transportation and disposal - energy usually produced by burning fossil fuels which release carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The decomposition of organic waste in a landfill produces methane gas, which traps over 21 times more heat in the atmosphere than CO<sub>2</sub>. That's what those cardboard boxes you put in bulk trash turn into.

**Waste prevention and recycling are powerful ways that each of us can use less energy and contribute to a healthy climate for our world and our Forest Hills.**

Forest Hills' buying culture has been rapidly changing over the last few years. Killer perks like free, expedited shipping and simple returns encourage more people to shop online, more often. And now with the Covid-19 crisis, our computer has become our shopping cart 24-7. The convenience is amazing, but the waste is a shame. Choose the fewest packages option when you buy.

**Work on your carbon footprint! Put your best foot forward and become environmentally conscious.**

Use those big, blue, beautiful, city-provided recycling bins! Do your part and take the time to break down boxes to fit into your recycling bin for weekly pick-up. If it won't all fit, save it for the next week. Please don't send it to the landfill.

Wasting less and recycling more saves energy, saves money, and is one of the fastest, easiest, and most effective ways we can do our part here in Forest Hills.

***I am depending upon you. Mother Nature***







# Observations On My Walks



By Denny Hunt

One benefit of this Coronavirus social distancing for me is a greater appreciation of the beauty of our Forest Hills neighborhood as I walk the tree lined streets. It gives me a chance to notice architecture, landscaping, and many details that I miss when I am driving.

Along with the beautifully manicured lawns and creative landscaping, I often notice in contrast the accumulation of dirt, leaves and debris along the curbs, streets, and alleys. Sadly, this makes its way into our storm sewers and ends up in White Rock Creek.

It would help if we all made sure that the street in front and the alley behind our homes were kept clean. It looks as though the landscape crew didn't complete their job. Since we do not have the luxury of city operated street sweepers, we should ask our grounds crews to please leave the curb and street as tidy as the yard. Remember, it is a violation of the city code to blow yard waste into the street which could result in a \$2,000 fine! The alleys should also be clean and accessible for repair trucks, security vehicles and those that have rear driveways.

*I believe it would be a small effort which would make a big difference in our wonderful neighborhood.*



## TIPS ON RECYCLING IN DALLAS

1. **Size limits:** Paper must be larger than a postcard and plastic larger than 2 inches but no larger than a 2-gallon container.
2. **Shredded paper is NOT recyclable.** It fouls up sorting machines and can't be handled.
3. **Plastic bags are NOT recyclable.** They also mess up the machinery used in the sorting process. Don't bag your recyclables in plastic bags for the bin. Put them in loose or in paper sacks. Plastic grocery store bags can be taken to many grocery stores for recycling.
4. **Caps on bottles:** Put them back on plastic bottles before recycling. Otherwise, they too will clog up the sorting works. Too small!
5. **Pizza boxes?** Well, the bottom is always too greasy and cannot be recycled since the paper part won't separate well. The top half, however, can be torn off and put in the big blue bin.
6. **Cleanliness:** A quick rinse for glass and plastics is fine. Paper is more problematical. Don't put any greasy food containers, etc., in the bin. A few spots are okay, but not a lot.

For the full story on recycling in Dallas, see [www.DallasRecycles.com](http://www.DallasRecycles.com).



# Ferguson Road Initiative Helps Address the COVID-19 Crisis in Far East Dallas



The FRI network is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Far East Dallas area in two ways. First, we are marshalling information and resources to our largest and most vulnerable populations - Latino and African American families and senior citizens. Second, we are coordinating an area blood drive this summer in partnership with *Carter BloodCare*. FRI's work is so important now since our demographics include a 66% minority population and FRI's two City Council Districts, 7 and 9 that have the largest senior citizen population in Dallas.

An analysis by the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, in collaboration with the Dallas Morning News and KXAS-TV, has determined three (3) geographic pockets of need in our area: Ferguson/I-30, Ferguson/I-635, and Buckner/I-30. Residents here have higher rates of underlying conditions and if they contract COVID-19, are more likely to end up in the hospital, often in ICU's requiring a ventilator. These high-risk areas have many families living in affordable housing apartments. Information about services and resources available to them is often fragmented and difficult to find, so FRI is providing consolidated, easy-to-read information to directly connect them to emergency services and food pantry providers who serve Far East Dallas.

In addition to communicating with our apartments and schools, FRI is working to create an efficient method to communicate with our neighborhoods to ask them for help by donating food, mobilizing volunteers, and offering cash contributions so area service providers can continue to provide emergency services that keep families fed and away from homelessness.

Although COVID-19 has caused us to focus on pressing fundamental community needs, we are still committed to the large-scale community-building projects finally being realized after decades of work that I have discussed before.

**Please consider giving blood on Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at White Rock Church of Christ (9220 Ferguson Road).** FRI will host a blood drive with *Carter BloodCare* to address are dangerously low blood supplies due to stay home orders having cancelled many events.

Please contact our event coordinator, Andrea Hernandez, who is assembling a list of volunteers at [andreafernandez@fergusonroad.org](mailto:andreafernandez@fergusonroad.org) or 214-324-5116.

For more insight, go to <https://www.fergusonroad.org>. Please consider joining or otherwise supporting the organization that supports our neighborhood, and the rest of Far East Dallas. Let me know if you have particular questions about FRI. [daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org](mailto:daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org).

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## Spotlight on the Arboretum

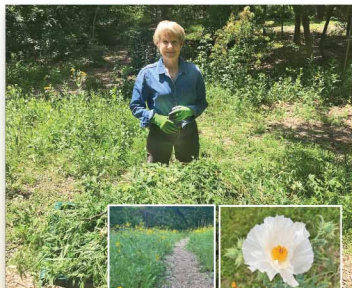
By Terry Lendecker

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden reopened on June 1st with timed ticketing to help adhere to social distancing guidelines while enjoying a visit to the garden. See temporary guidelines below.

The summer exhibit, featuring Seward Johnson's "Celebrating the Familiar," a collection of 25 life-size cast bronze figures, will be displayed from June 22 to July 31. Johnson's sculptures of humans performing familiar tasks were meant to celebrate the great value in ordinary life. Creating the fine details of people's poses, gestures and expressions are the defining elements of his work. Take a stroll in the garden and enjoy the vibrant summer plantings with begonias, impatiens, salvias, zinnias and more. We invite you to let nature nurture you.

Advance online ticket reservations will be required for entrance by members and non-members alike. None will be sold at the gate. To reserve e-tickets, visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) or call 214-515-6615.

- Ticket reservations are for four-hour blocks, (maximum of 1,000 people in the garden at any one time). Members have free admission but still need to make reservations.
- Guests will be given colored wristbands, indicating the departure time.
- Parking location will also be assigned at the time of ticket reservation.
- Maps available with one way, one-mile path.
- Groups are limited to no more than 5 people.
- Face Coverings suggested but required in restrooms.
- Take Out Food service by Gil's Elegant Catering - Main Plaza Terrace.
- Gift certificates or other promotional tickets may be redeemed by calling 214-515-6615.
- No tram service or wagon rentals.
- Wheelchairs limited and based on availability.
- All building closed, including the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden.
- Limited restrooms and no water fountains.
- Water bottle refill station near main entry plaza and vending machine by Camp House.
- Members can still get in from 7:00-9:00 a.m. for morning walks with an advance reservation.



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## Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery News

### Volunteering in the Cemetery Resumes

Under the direction of Volunteer Director John Wilt, volunteer work in the Cemetery resumed May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A member of the Board of Advisors of the FWFC and Board Member of the Dallas Discovery Gardens, John is coordinating the ongoing efforts of the volunteers who will advance the progress of the cemetery restoration.

Beginning June 1st, the summer volunteer schedule will be the first & third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 11:00. Proper social distancing protocols will be observed. Bring personal virus protection measures as appropriate, including masks and garden gloves.

### Descendant Interviews

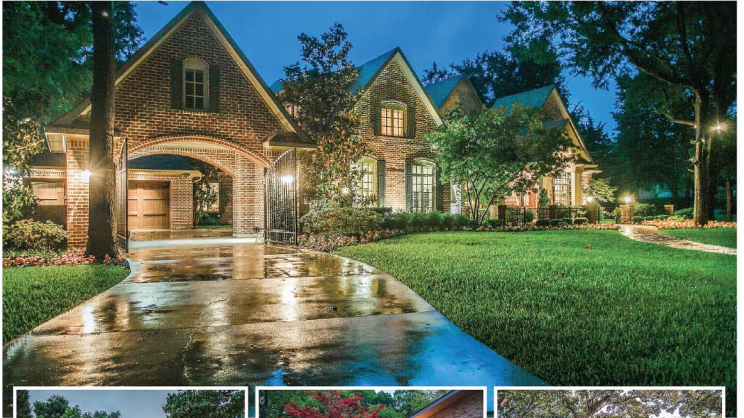
Warren Ferris biographer Susan Starling interviews more Warren Ferris descendants. Amazing historical photos accompany her most recent family interview: <https://www.friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org/descendant-blog-family-history/cowboys-of-new-mexico>. Anyone wanting to contribute memories or photos of pertinent relatives, contact Susan for an interview at: [susstar@hotmail.com](mailto:susstar@hotmail.com)

In addition, **Remembering Black Dallas** is researching the names of all souls buried at the cemetery.

See more information on grant proposals, the iNaturalist app, progress with native plants and our documentary video under development at [www.friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org](http://www.friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org).



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